New technique to treat eye cancer

1852. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad has devised a method to treat eye cancer with accurately targetted radiation;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce the technique in other major eye hospitals in the country; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present to introduce the technique in other major eye hospitals in the country.

(c) Question does not arise.

Increase in dengue and malaria

1853. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many dangerous diseases like dengue and malaria are alarmingly increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken and proposed to be taken to eradicate/ prevention of the said diseases;

(c) the details of affected people in Karnataka by the above diseases for the past three years; and

(d) the details of the assistance provided to Karnataka by Government for the prevention of the above diseases during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per reports received from the States, there has been an overall decline in the incidence of dengue and malaria during the year 2002 (upto October) as compared to that of 2001.